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SUBJECT: FMG REACTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS

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1. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS DECEMBER 18 AND 19, TWO SENIOR MEA OFFICIALS REPORTED THAT ZAMBIA FONMIN MWAANGA CAREFULLY AVOIDED USING TERMS "OPTIMISM" OR "PESSIMISM" IN DISCUSSING SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS DURING HIS RECENT STOP IN LAGOS (REFTEL). INSTEAD, MWAANGA DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS "HOPEFUL" ABOUT EVOLVING SITUATION AND PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA.

2. BOTH SOURCES SAID FMG SHARES MWAANGA VIEW THAT "WIND OF HOPE" IS BLOWING THROUGH SOUTHERN AFRICA. WHILE THERE ARE SURE TO BE MANY SNAGS ON ROUTE TO SETTLEMENT, THEY BELIEVE VORSTER HAS TAKEN BASIC DECISION TO WRITE-OFF RHODESIA AND
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NAMIBIA IN HOPES OF BUYING TIME IN ORDER TO COMPLETE PROCESS

OF ENTRENCHING WHITE RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF. NONETHELESS,
THEY BELIEVE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS FURTHER DEMONSTRATE THAT
TIME IS ON SIDE OF BLACK MAJORITY, AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL
BE UNABLE LONG WITHSTAND PRESSURES WHICH ARE CONTINUING TO
BUILD ALL AROUND ITS BORDERS.

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